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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No: _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 2, drawn to the special technical feature of a pair of U-shaped planar elements held at a mutual distance by connecting elements to form a lightweight frame.

Group II, claim(s) 3, drawn to the special technical feature of cutting tools at free ends of arms comprise cutting wheels.

Group III, claim(s) 4, drawn to the special technical feature of first guide rolls maintaining cutting tools in positions suited to provide an optimum guiding pressure relative to the cutting planes and to ensure a minimum required resistance for cutting.

Group IV, claim(s) 5, drawn to cutting tools secured at the free ends of arms forming constructionally similar parts each comprising supporting bodies and traveling bodies.

Group V, claim(s) 6, drawn to a guide rail having a scale or graduation thereon.

Group VI, claim(s) 7, 11 and 12, drawn to a guide head having elements with second and third rolls being adjustable towards each other and disposed on both cutting planes.

Group VII, claim(s) 8, drawn to the special technical feature of the handle being provided on one of the guide elements to embrace one of the arms.

Group VIII, claim(s) 9, drawn to the special technical feature of the first, second and third guide rolls having wear-resistant and/or friction-reducing coatings at least on their races.

Group IX, claim(s) 10, drawn to the special technical feature of at least one of the constructional groupings and/or one of the component parts being designed to be replaceable, and to the special technical feature of at least the frame being variable in constructional size by comprising sections.

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Group X, claim(s) 13, drawn to the special technical feature of setting the cutting distance from the reference edge of the material to be cut and the transverse element mounted on the guide rail in a manner to be adjustable and fixed in place.

Group XI, claim(s) 14, drawn to the special technical feature of having guide-block-like inserts if any curved shape between the transverse element and the reference edge of material.

Group XII, claim(s) 15, drawn to the special technical feature of the frame having a cross-sectional shape tapering from its closed end to its front end forming free ends of arms accepting the cutting head, with the rear end of the frame being configured to form a second handle.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT rule 13.2, the lack the same or corresponding special technical features as seen above. Claim 1 will be examined with the election of any of groups I-XII. Linking claim 1 is deemed to have no special technical feature (See rule 486(d)). If claim 1 is found to be allowable, then the dependant claims will be rejoined.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac Hamilton whose telephone number is 571-272-4509. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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